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Remarks

None of the amendments adds new matter. The amendment corrects a formal matter without changing the scope of the claims. Support for the amendment is found, *inter alia*, at specification page 6, line 20. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered.

On July 30, 2003, a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was issued in the present application. In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner conscientiously entered several amendments to the pending claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying and correcting several typographical errors in the claims.

Upon review of the Examiner's Amendment, it was noticed that the amendment to claim 63 should have been applied to claim 68. The amendment reads "Delete '-R₁₇-NR₁₂-C(O)-NR₁₃-R₁₆-NR₁₄-C(O)-NR₁₅-R₁₈', and substitute --R₁₇-NR₁₂-C(O)-NR₁₃-R₁₆-NR₁₄-C(O)-NR₁₅-R₁₈-- therefor." As is apparent, the phrase being amended is not present in claim 63, but is present in claim 68.

During a telephone call on July 9, 2003, the Applicant's undersigned representative informed the Examiner of the typographical error. The Examiner acknowledged the error and suggested that Applicant file an amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby submits this amendment to correct the minor typographical error. Claim 68 has been amended to include the dash after R₁₈. Applicant presumes that the Examiner's amendment to claim 63 has not been entered as being defective. *See* MPEP § 714.23. Therefore, claim 63 has not been amended herein, and its status is marked as "previously presented." Claim 63 as presented herein corresponds to pending claim 63 as it stood prior to the Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment.

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Applicant has Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above
Amendments are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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